

The Chapman Report



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Richard Parramint, Lotus tour guide extraordinaire, shares stories about one of the historic areas of Norwich, UK, during the GGLC UK September tour. Photo coverage of the tour begins on page 8.



Dave Bean (center) describes his extensive parts inventory to Jerry Bassler, Kiyoshi Hamai and Casey Lynn (l to r) at the Dave Bean Engineering Open House October 8, 2016. See the story starting on page 4.

Nov/Dec Meetings

Friday, November 18, 2016 – 7:30 PM
—Featuring Election of 2017 Club Officers—

Host: Scott and Carol Whitman

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016 – 6:00/7:00 PM

Gala Holiday Party (Cocktails at 6:00 / Dinner at 7:00)
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(See more details on page 10. Note that space is limited so do not delay signing up on the club's website.)

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Left on S. 4th St.
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AutoX Round #7 (The Wet One) October 16, 2016

by Kiyoshi Hamai

October usually means maybe a 10% chance of rain... right? That is why we usually have our annual Autocross Celebration BBQ in mid-to-late October instead taking a weather chance on our last autocross date in November.

Also, since the October date will be close to Halloween, we can have a fun car costume contest, as an extra added attraction for the day.

Nope, this year the first real storm of the 2016-2017 rainy season hit us pretty hard, and forced us to postpone the BBQ to our November date.

I awoke hearing water dripping down our gutter downspouts, and I headed south on 101 at 5 AM accompanied by a steady rain. At the usual stops at Safeway, Starbucks and the Doughnut Shop in Prunedale, the drizzle continued. Grabbing water, snacks, coffee and ice, I was off to the Autocross site.

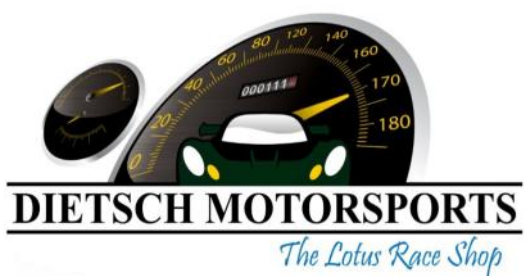
But, fortunately, the damp (English-like) weather did not deter our die-hard GGLC autocrossers, as 60 of them arrived at the Marina Airport ready to go cone dodgin' in the wetness.

The course was a bit shorter than usual in order to accommodate a longer than usual lunch break for the planned BBQ. And, with attendance slightly down due to some weather-related no-shows, the run groups were somewhat

smaller, which translated into more runs for everyone!

The morning runs were done in the clockwise direction, and after lunch we consolidated into two run groups that went in the counterclockwise direction.

The course was challenging, yet wide enough in the perfect spots for a wet day. That is to say there was plenty of room



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to slip-slide-catch-spin without hitting any cones. Again, we used our “new” green cones as pointers. In the damp conditions, these green cones garnered many appreciative comments from the competitors.

The morning course began out of the start box with a quick right-left kink into a 90 degree right. That was followed by a slalom with varying offsets and spacing. There was a fast right-hander and a quick slalom that led into a sweeping right that rewarded precision. Coming off the backside, you entered a decreasing radius sweeper followed by a sweeping left into the finish.

The top time of the day was 36.8 seconds set by Scott Sul in his Exige. The average time was around 41.1 seconds. Those on R-rated tires suffered as there was standing water nearly the entire day.

In all, the drivers took 7 runs in the morning and 7 more in the afternoon, providing lots of opportunities to learn how being smooth pays dividends in low-traction situations. Jabs at the brakes and jerky twists of the steering wheel only result in slipping and sliding. These con-



ditions reinforced the driver's adage: *Smooth is Fast.*

At lunch, we had our annual Car Costume Contest. Nigel Mott in this BMW Z3 Coupe took home the prize with his scary Zombie car!

It was a FANTASTIC day, perfect weather for ducks, a fun course and lots of spins.

You can find a video highlight reel from the GGLC video dude on the GGLC's YouTube channel:

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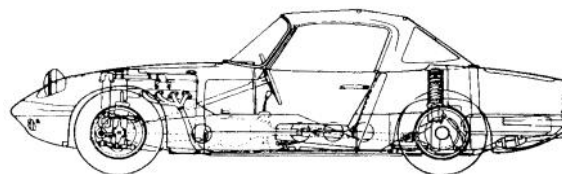
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Dave Bean Open House & Sierra Foothills Tour October 8-9, 2016

by Lee Cohee

The weather could not have been better in the Sierra foothills: warm and sunny both Saturday and Sunday. To kick off the weekend, we first gathered in a large parking lot adjacent to Dave Bean Engineering in San Andreas, where you could find cars driven by GGLC members from the Bay Area and Sacramento Chapters along with special participant, Danny Kemp, representing the Southern CA GGLC Chapter. We were also joined by a few members from the Sierra British Car Group based in Sonora. Coffee and donuts (courtesy of Dave and Roberta) were consumed, discount parts were purchased, many photos were taken, and around noon a string of about 20 cars headed south to Copperopolis for lunch.



Photo Credit: Jerry Bassler

During lunch, Dave told us how he first got involved with Lotus cars while living in Los Angeles and racing Lotus Sevens and Elans. Bob Challman was the Lotus



West Coast distributor at the time. Since Bob's dealership was in Manhattan Beach, it was not uncommon for local beach bums to visit his showroom to waste his time asking questions and wanting test drives when it was clear they had no money to buy a car. One day, dressed in casual attire, Dave walked into Bob's showroom and was closely inspecting an Elan's suspension when he heard this loud voice tell him he was not worthy of such a fine



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car and to leave the showroom immediately. Dave got even several years later when Bob wandered into Dave's dealership and parts shop in Santa Barbara and was inspecting a Turbo Esprit. Dave walked up behind him and said, "You, sir are not qualified financially nor as a gentleman to own such a fine automobile. Please remove yourself from the premises." For a moment Bob seemed stunned, but then realized what the joke was. Both had a good laugh.

Dave also talked about his experiences racing Lotus cars, his move to San Andreas, and he concluded his talk by taking questions from the luncheon group. We came away with a better understanding of the important role Dave has played,

and continues to play, in keeping Lotus cars on the road.

After lunch, those who had signed up for the two-day event took to the roads south on their drive to Mariposa. Nine cars made up the convoy: five Elises, one of which was a Series 1 with a Honda VTEC engine transplant, an Exige, an Evora, a Plus 2, and a Miata. Chris and I led the tour in our orange Elise while John and Elizabeth Logan volunteered to bring up the tail end in their orange Elise. The bright orange "bookends" sure made it easy to keep track of everyone on the road.

After settling into our rooms in Mariposa, a small mountain town just outside Yosemite, fifteen of us gathered for an early dinner at a folksy downtown res-

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov 6	AutoX/Round 8	Marina
Nov 7	Track Day	Laguna Seca
Nov 12	Breakfast/LCoSC	LA
Nov 16	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento
Nov 18	Meeting/Social	Saratoga
Nov 20	TrackSpec 2nd Anniversary	Fremont
Dec 3	Toy Rallye	Mountain View
Dec 10	GGLC Annual Holiday Dinner	San Jose
Jan 20	Meeting/Social 2017 Kickoff	Burlingame
Jan 28	Anti-Football Drive	TBD

See www.gglotus.org for additional information about upcoming events.



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taurant to share tales of the day's adventure.

As I was leaving the restaurant parking lot to head back to the motel, I noticed that the Plus 2 was still in the lot with its lights off. Inasmuch as the Plus 2 was my car, on loan to Ken and Becky Gray for the tour, I circled back and pulled up next to him. Ken told me the starter had

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failed and that a push start was needed. Since I had been driving the Plus 2 for several years without issue and the starter was only a few years old, I was puzzled. Ken, always calm when vintage Lotus problems arise, wryly commented the car was having "owner separation anxiety." Unfortunately for Ken, the anxiety lasted for the remainder of the tour. But, to belie the trite acro-



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 merely minor
 trouble, and not
 very serious.

We left the
 motel at 10 AM
 the next morning
 bound for Mur-
 phys by way of
 Hwy 49. The first
 twenty miles be-
 tween Mariposa
 and Coulterville
 offers some of the
 best sports car
 roads that I have
 ever seen com-
 plete with
 switchbacks and
 hairpin turns post-
 ing speed limits
 of 15 mph, not to
 mention spectacu-
 lar scenery. In
 Coulterville, we

stopped in front of an old rail-
 road caboose to take a group pic-
 ture. As cars spun their wheels
 trying to back up an off-camber
 hill to get positioned for the
 photo, some drivers were wish-
 ing for a limited slip differential.

The caravan miraculously
 managed to stay together as traf-
 fic grew heavier near Jamestown
 and Angels Camp. We arrived in
 Murphys at noon, just in time for
 our fourth meal in a twenty-four
 hour period. No one complained
 they weren't well-fed; in fact, we
 probably spent about as much
 time eating as driving!

As tour guide, I have to say
 that many things worked well for
 us: clear skies, cars in close for-
 mation despite the brisk pace,
 and just enough parking every-
 where we stopped. But perhaps
 most rewarding was the camarade-
 rie generated by the group.
 Thanks to everyone who contrib-
 uted to making this a tour we
 will always remember.

Lotus Cars Turn Out in Force for Blackhawk All British Car Meet October 22, 2016

editor with photos by Mel Boss

Although postponed a week due to a wet weather threat, this year's British Car Meet jointly sponsored by the SF Chapter of the Mini Owners of America and the Blackhawk Museum was a great success. On a beautiful day, a Lotus contingent of almost 20 cars joined more than 100 other British cars and car enthusiasts to put on a fine show for the visiting public at the Blackhawk Museum parking lot.

The first place People's Choice Award for Lotus cars went to Mel and Darlene for their classic Elan, Blackie. Second and third place awards went to Tom Chavez (Lotus 23B) and Renn Ortenburger (Lotus Motorsport Elise), respectively.

Following the show, a number of GGLC members gathered at John and Liz Logan's place in Danville for some wonderful BBQ treats and lots of good talk.

Some of the fun is captured in the adjacent photos.



Breakfast treats from the Prez.



Photo Album / The GGLC UK Lotus Fall Tour September 12-16, 2016 *editor*

The Fall GGLC UK Lotus tour featured not only great venues and un-matched Lotus camaraderie, but also uncharacteristically sunny and warm weather in the Norwich area.

As in the June tour, our group of 15 strong was expertly chauffeured and guided by Richard Parramint. Several of my photos from the Fall tour are included here as many of the details and visits during the tour were described in Kiyoshi Hamai's articles that appeared in previous issues of *The Chapman Report*.



The group takes time out for an official photo.



Amazing model of Lotus 56 (Indy Gas Turbine Car) spotted during visit to Classic Team Lotus.

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A visit to the quaint Norfolk North Sea resort town of Sheringham.



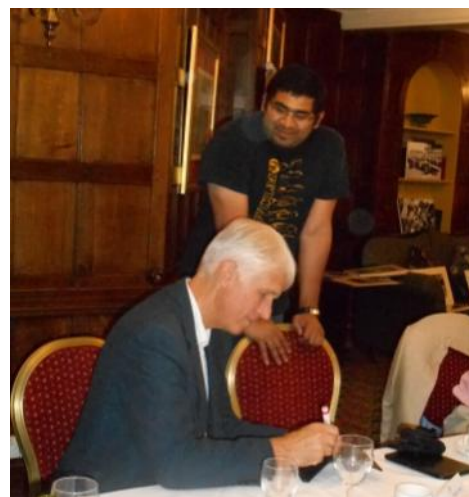
Can you tell that Richard enjoys sharing his insights about the fascinating Lotus history at Ketteringham Hall?



The 100th Zenos car is readied for customer delivery while our group visits the company's modern factory.



History: nearly 50 years separate this photo of Jim Clark on his way to victory at the 1967 Watkins Glen Grand Prix from the above photo of the same Lotus 49 now prepared for vintage racing by Classic Team Lotus.



Rahul Nair has Patrick Peal autograph a memento at the festive "Legends of Lotus" dinner party on the last evening of our memorable tour.

Toy Rallye

December 3, 2016

by Kiyoshi Hamai

This annual charitable event is presented each holiday season, and it is jointly sponsored by The Rallye Club and the Golden Gate Lotus Club.

We start at Larry's Auto-Works, 2526 Leghorn St., Mountain View (see map below), where registration begins at 11 AM and ends at 1 PM. An optional beginner's rallye school (recommended) starts at 12 N; and the event wraps up by 4 PM at a local eatery.

The entry fee per car is a new, unwrapped toy worth at least \$20 (or a cash/check donation of \$25). Toys and monies will be donated to HomeFirst, and they are completely tax deductible.

This event is an A-B style gimmick rallye. First and foremost, a gimmick rallye is not a race, rather it is a fun puzzle where your car is the game piece, and public roads are the game board. No experience is necessary, and you will compete only against entries with similar rallye experience. First-time rallyists are encouraged and will receive extra help.

Any car is welcome. Two persons per car is recommended, but you can have as many as legally fit into your car for a single entry fee. Don't forget pens or pencils, paper and a clipboard.

GGLC HELPERS WANTED!

The GGLC has co-presented "The Toy Rallye" for nearly 40

Vote for 2017 Officers November 18!

In keeping with this election season, a slate of potential 2017 officers was nominated at the October meeting. The following members (in alphabetical order) are running for GGLC President and Vice President.

Alan Austin
Jenni Dietsch
John Logan.

The following members have agreed to continue in their current positions:

Scott Hogben, Secretary
Laura Hamai, Treasurer
David Anderson, Membership
Scott Hogben/John Zender, Events
Joel Lipkin, Chapman Report (Print)
Rahul Nair, Chapman Report (Online)
Tom & Cherie Carney, Chapman Report (Distribution)
Noni Richen, Chapman Report (Copy Editor)
Ben Beames, Video Dude
Mel Boss, Advertising Manager
Kiyoshi Hamai, GGLC Website.

You can vote by emailing prez@gglotus.org or at the November 18 meeting at the Whitmans'. President and Vice President will be chosen based on the first and second place vote getters, respectively.



years! This tradition stands as one of the few community benefit events we do. We encourage members to get involved with "The Toy Rallye" by either entering the event or becoming a volunteer worker. Typically, we need 4-6 individuals to help run the rallye checkpoints. Please contact me:

webguy@gglotus.org

if you can help. Otherwise, bring a friend with a new toy.

Holiday Party December 10, 2016

by Rita Satulovsky

Join us at Flames in San Jose for the annual GGLC Holiday Party and gift exchange. Festivities start at 6:00 PM with refreshments (no-host bar) and hors d'oeuvres before dinner at 7:00 PM, featuring your pre-selected choice of a chicken, steak or vegetarian entrée along with salad and dessert.

Price is \$35.00 per person including wine with dinner.

Space is limited; sign up via the club website **no later than Tuesday, December 5, 2016.**

Be there to enjoy the fun, and be sure to bring an EPA-approved White Elephant gift from your garage to help Santa Tom cap off the this gala special event.

Get Ready for a Busy Year!

Announcing 2017

Track Day and AutoX Schedules

The following 2017 dates have been selected for GGLC AutoX events at the Marina site:

April 23, Sunday
 May 21, Sunday
 June 17, Saturday
 July 15, Saturday
 August 13, Sunday
 September 9, Saturday
 October 8, Sunday
 November 4, Saturday.

The following 2017 dates have also been reserved for GGLC Track Days:

February 24, Friday / Laguna Seca (92dB)
 May 3, Wednesday / Thunderhill (5-mile)
 July 17, Monday / Laguna Seca (90dB)
 October 2, Monday / Thunderhill (2-mile / West)
 November 1, Wednesday / Laguna Seca (90dB).

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(non-commercial ads are free to GGLC members and will run for 2 issues before requiring renewal)

For Sale: 1970 Lotus 7 S4.

This is the last, genuine (made by Lotus) generation of the iconic 7. This example came with, and retains, a Lotus Twin Cam engine. The VIN is LS42946TC. Chassis numbers reportedly started at LS42650, which would make this the 296th car produced of about 700 made. While not as rare as the Series 1 (or maybe the Series 3), the Series 4 is nevertheless very rare compared to the Series 2--and they are more real and rare than a Caterham, or any of the other pseudo-sevens. The S4 is longer and wider than its predecessors. I am 6'1" and do not fit in the S2/S3 cars, but the S4 is no problem. There is more leg and foot room too! This car is ready for café runs, as well as for Laguna Seca or any other track. I did a body-off reconditioning, starting with new steel brake lines and calipers and going up from there. Many new and re-built parts. Many additions for track days or historic racing, such as driver safety equipment, a fuel cell and a dry-sump oil system. All track additions are wrench removable and the factory stock items (still serviceable) are included with the car. This car has wear and tear for sure, but also many improvements, especially for track use. There was another S4 recently on BringATrailer.com and CraigsList Denver, with an asking price of \$23,900. It looked

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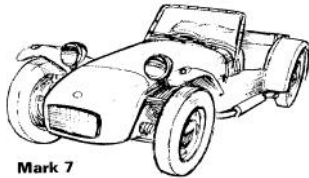
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For Sale: 2010 Evora 2+2. Carbon Grey (lifestyle color) with charcoal interior. One owner, purchased from BMC SF. Current CA reg, 23,700 miles. Fully optioned, including forged wheels and power-fold mirrors. Upgraded Kenwood GPS/radio/CD. Diffflow 5-element diffuser, Larini exhaust (oval center exit), car cover and floor mats. Meticulously maintained by dealer and Rob Dietsch. Full maintenance records, only a few k-miles on rear tires. Asking \$40,000. Car is located in Livermore, Contact Joel at “jlipkin--at--comcast.net” or (925) 961-0400.

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